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SALLY FORTH



THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN



9 CHICKWEED LANE



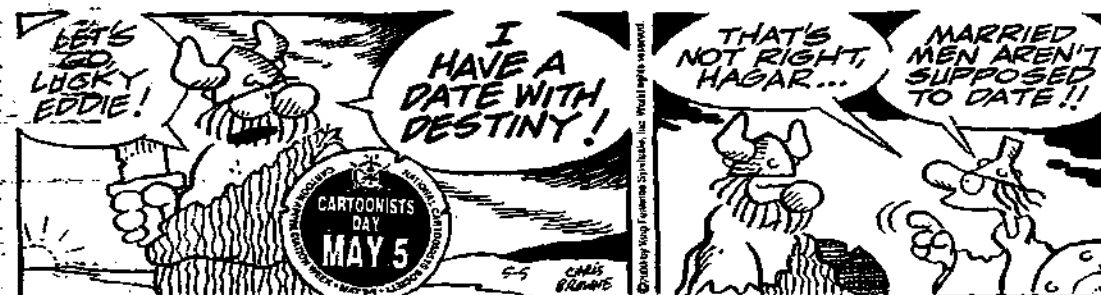
ANDY CAPP



ROSE IS ROSE



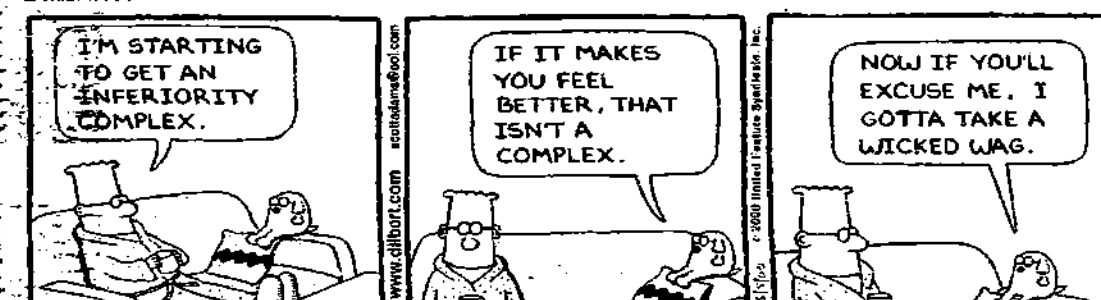
HAGAR THE HORRIBLE



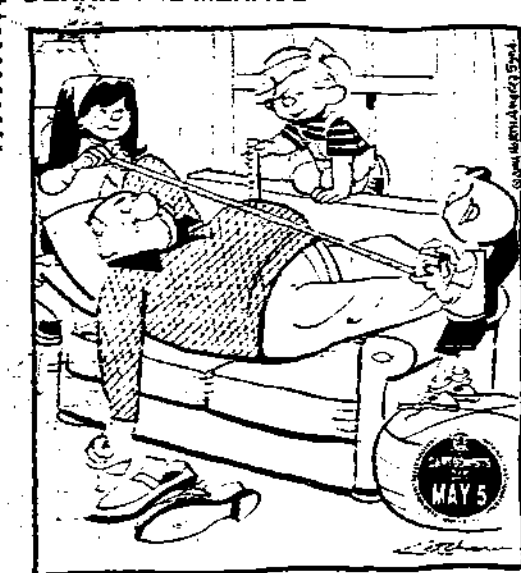
MOTHER GOOSE AND GRIMM



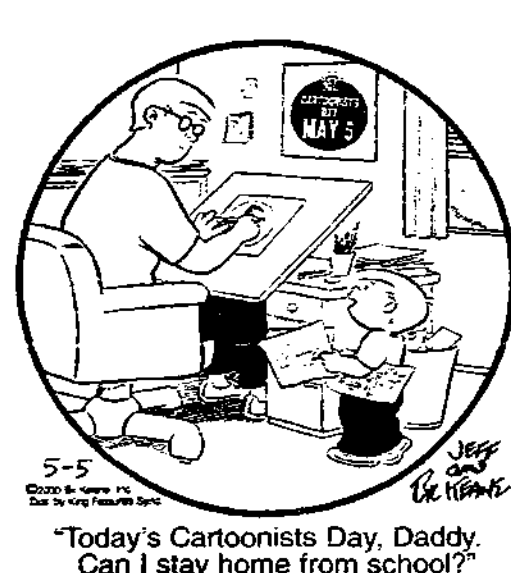
DILBERT



DENNIS THE MENACE



FAMILY CIRCUS



RHYMES WITH ORANGE

WALKMAN HEADPHONES the official instructions for use...

SETUP

1. Untangle big ugly hairy knot.
2. Insert plug thingie into Walkman jack. Press "PLAY".
3. Blow out your inner ear? Next time find the volume dial first.

USE

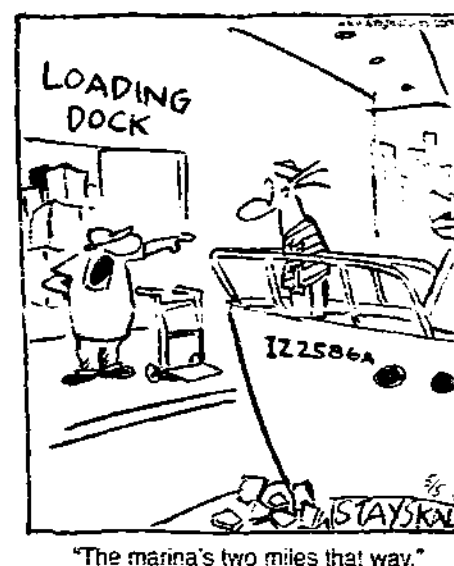
1. To hear sound in BOTH ears, twist the plug thingie slantwise one way.
2. No, that's too much. Twist it back.
3. There. Now don't move.

TROUBLESHOOTING

1. Did you move? Don't move.
2. Sound still not right? Pull the plug out just the tiniest little bit.
3. Not too much!
4. Don't move.

WALKMAN HEADPHONES

RALPH



Today's Birthdays

Actress Ann B. Davis is 74. Actress Pat Carroll is 73. AFL-CIO president John J. Sweeney is 66. Saxophonist Ace Cannon is 66. Singer Johnnie Taylor is 62. Actor Michael Murphy is 62. Actor Lance Henriksen is 60. Comedian-Actor Michael Palin is 57. Actor Jean-Pierre Leaud is 56. Actor John Rhys-Davies is 56. Actor Roger Rees is 56. Actor Richard E. Grant is 43. Actress Tina Yothers is 27.

I NEED HELP



SCRABBLE

SCRABBLE is a word game played on a 15x15 grid. The letters are arranged in a 15x15 grid. The letters are: A, L, P, N, M, L, A, F, E, R, H, G, T, N, E, R, S, T, A, O, D, Y, A, R, N, U, L.

PAR SCORE 155-165 by JUDD

FOUR RACK TOTAL TIME LIMIT: 20 MIN

DIRECTIONS: Make a 2 to 7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points for each word using scoring grid on right. Add up points for all words. Bonus words used as any letter have no point value. A 100-point bonus is awarded for the longest word. The Official Scrabble Players Dictionary, Merriam-Webster and OGSV Official Scrabble Words (Columbia) JUDD'S SOLUTION TOMORROW

For solution, see Classified.

WORD SLEUTH

ENDING WITH "FF"

E A X V Q U A F F O E K A T S
Q N K I F D F P A L P X V I T
Q O M J H U F L C A U F Y P W
U R S T R O G A N O F F P O N
L J S D H F D I B O F A F F Z
X V N H S T R N E Q U T F F O
M A K I E P H T W F C S I U D
D B Z Y W R I I H V D G R L T
R Q O N L R I F I K N A A B I
H F D C W A Z F F X A L T W V
U S R Q O N M K F J H F I H F

Thursday's unlisted clue: BALK
Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions—forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.
Friday's unlisted clue hint: A DUTY ON IMPORTED GOODS
Bluff Handcuff Sheriff Tip-off
Dandruff Plaintiff Spiff Whiff
Flagstaff Puff Stroganoff Write-off
Fluff Quaff Takeoff

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HOROSCOPE

Saturday, May 6

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Your communication skills are put to the test, but you pass with flying colors.
TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) As the moon moves into the house of Gemini, you don't quite feel like yourself.
GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You could be wasting your time if you are relying on other people to fulfill their end of the bargain.
CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You can learn a lot if you listen to your intuition rather than your intellect.
LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) Talking about your plans for the future is a good way to spend the day.
VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) Your career demands most of your time. Be sure to pay close attention to details.
LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Positive energy surrounds you. You can get a lot done if you ask for help from friends.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) An unusual minor detail could ruin the whole deal. Make sure all of the loose ends are tied up before you proceed.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) You know there is more just below the surface, but you are having a hard time reaching it.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) Plans could fail through if you're counting on other people.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) You have a very good chance to make an important intellectual connection with someone new.
PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) The chores of the day leave you feeling a bit overwhelmed.

ACES

By Bobby Wolff

East-West were wondering why they reopened the bidding when the opponents stopped short of their ice-cold game. North was unhappy about South's careless handling of his trump suit. South ruffed West's heart ace, cashed his top spades, and ruffed a spade with dummy's low trump. He ruffed another heart and ruffed another spade in dummy to establish his side suit. All that remained was to draw trumps and claim his doubled game. However, it wasn't easy. After cashing dummy's remaining high trump, South had no quick entry to his hand. And when he led a club from dummy, East took his ace and forced South to ruff. With only two trumps left, South tried for a 2-2 trump split, but it wasn't to be. West won and led another heart to force South's last trump, and South was out of tricks. It was two down at a contract he should have made. To succeed, South must not ruff with dummy's small trump. Instead, he ruffs two spades with dummy's ace and king! After spades are established, he can exit dummy with the small trump, enabling him to keep control. He has four trumps left to West's three, and when West wins his trump queen, South isn't hurt by being forced to ruff. He can draw West's remaining trumps and run his spades, limiting the defenders to only two tricks.

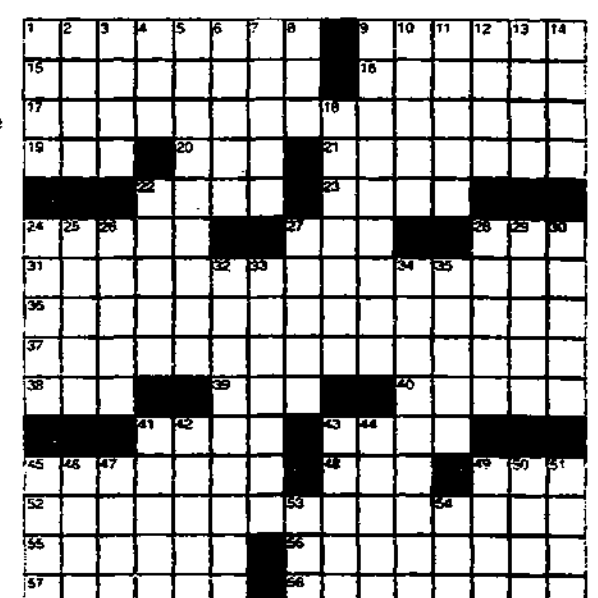
N.Y. TIMES CROSSWORD

No. 0324

- ACROSS**
- 1 Water, facetiously
 - 9 They may be given by wedding guests
 - 15 Mainstay
 - 16 Dislodge
 - 17 Site of a land rush, once
 - 19 Miniature
 - 20 Society page word
 - 21 Spring time
 - 22 So-called "Chinese gelatin"
 - 23 See 24-Across
 - 24 One who does 23-Across
 - 27 Malted caramel, e.g.
 - 28 Brief Mideast alliance: Abbr.
 - 31 Need for wedding parties?
 - 36 Uses
 - 37 Hotly
 - 38 Argot suffix
 - 39 Shot
 - 40 Seventy—
 - 41 Kind of force
 - 43 Writer
 - 45 Queen of Henry II
 - 46 Remote abbr.
 - 49 Metric starter
 - 52 Shows levelheadedness
 - 55 Have in mind
 - 56 Burger, pizza and hot dog listing, maybe
 - 57 Carol opener
 - 58 Epic journeys
- DOWN**
- 1 Got out (from)
 - 2 Rat Pack name
 - 3 Cap'n of "Show Boat"
 - 4 AT&T competitor
 - 5 Utopia
 - 6 Concern for some sleepers
 - 7 Carafe size
 - 8 Suffix with merit-
 - 9 Bead material
 - 10 Painkiller
 - 11 Cager Gilmore
 - 12 Before you know it
 - 13 Tuna belly, at a sushi bar
 - 14 A tenth part of the waters of Oceanus
 - 18 Extends shoe lile
 - 22 Hawk's home
 - 24 "No more mercy in him than there is milk in _____ tiger": Shak.
 - 25 Benjamin _____ first black general in the U.S. Army
 - 26 Sitting duck, maybe
 - 27 Trivial Pursuit edition
 - 28 Detach
 - 29 "That's _____ subject"

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

URGED GNAW HASH
TORSO LOCI AUTO
ABOON OLDTIMERS
HEM SAWICHTSLAS
ACHES CJT
RUMPUS BRA ECRU
ATOLL CLOR RAOM
MYS AWASSES IBA
BEEF ERLE UPDOOS
ORSO GLT ENACTS
GSA HYDRA
BRLYALEXTER MAY
EURIPIDES ENERO
ALES TINE STREW
MESH HEAT SHAWL



Puzzle by Henry Menken

- 30 Send for consultation
- 32 Hair color
- 33 Peanut
- 34 Never-ending
- 35 Fey
- 41 Airport choices
- 42 Concerning
- 43 Not perfectly round
- 44 Going on and on
- 45 Literary pseudonym
- 46 The Swedish Nightingale
- 47 Renaissance art patron
- 49 "Oh"
- 50 Big name in electronics
- 51 Something borne
- 53 Ring call
- 54 Clock radio settings (in two ways)

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